GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DISPOSAL OF PASSPORT APPLICATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passports issued by the passport offices in Rajasthan during each of the last three years;

(b) the average time taken by the passport offices in issuing passports;

(c) the number of applications lying pending for issuance of passports in these offices for more than the average time taken in issuing the same; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to expedite disposal of these applications?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) There is one Passport Office in Rajasthan viz.Passport Office, Jaipur. The number of passports issued by this office during each of the last three years is as under:

Year	No. of Passports issued
1997	58,722
1998	60,078
1999	73,292

(b) The average time taken by the Passport Office, Jaipur in issuing passports is 62 days from receipt of applications to dispatch of the passport provided the application is accurately filled in with all the required documents and clear Police Verification Report has been received.

(c) There are approximately 6000 passport applications pending at the Passport Office,Jaipur for more than 62 days as either the police verification is awaited or the documents/information with the applications are incomplete.

(d) Special drives to clear pending cases of applications are regularly undertaken. The Passport Office, Jaipur isco-ordinating with police authorities for expediting police verification reports .